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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of AUGUST, 1948.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth, 30/9/48.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1947 was estimated to be 509,132, comprising 261,916 Males and 247,216 Females.

On 30th June, 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,586.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Marriages ..... No.	335	400	3,058	3,198
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.69	9.36	10.26	10.99
Births ..... No.	1,084	1,109	7,449	7,799
*Rate per 1000 of Population	24.87	25.94	25.00	26.80
Deaths ..... No.	457	452	2,727	2,640
*Rate per 1000 of Population	10.48	10.57	9.15	9.07
Infant Mortality No.	31	31	200	238
Rate per 1000 Live Births	28.60	27.95	26.85	30.52
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	15	12	99	85
Cancer	43	42	367	320
Influenza	2	2	3	7
Diphtheria	-	-	4	5
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	42	43	241	229
Arteriosclerosis	13	15	82	97
Diseases of the Heart	137	142	783	719
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	24	21	164	147
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	3	3	14	15
Nephritis	17	14	98	95
Diseases of Early Infancy	15	19	112	117
Senility	12	9	46	70
Accidents	17	34	164	171
All Other Causes	73	96	506	563
TOTAL	413	452	2,683	2,640

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August totalled 622,796 acres, an increase of 161,273 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,459,672 acres, a decrease of 3,793,414 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Revenue .....	1,446,318	1,197,350	2,802,915	2,445,659
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.16.1d.	£2.7.5d.	£5.8.10d.	£4.17.0d.
Expenditure .....	1,559,900	1,313,737	3,258,369	2,790,150
Expenditure Per Head of Popln.	£3.0.7d.	£2.12.1d.	£6.6.7d.	£5.10.9d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st August amounted to £36,214,802 or £70.4.6d. per head of population as against £36,680,594 or £72.11.8d. per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 25th August, 1948 amounted to £4,330,631 compared with £3,705,401 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Transfers .....	No. 1,507	1,751	3,115	3,357
	£ 869,717	830,207	1,768,131	1,688,959
Mortgages .....	No. 936	1,095	1,840	2,053
	£ 956,036	984,716	1,886,638	2,073,118
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 883	928	1,802	1,829

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in Respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in Respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1947 -</u>	£	£	£	£
August	1,181,616	934,743	2,284,635	155,234
September	1,381,485	1,062,710	3,286,715	163,596
October	1,238,310	854,101	2,878,237	156,911
November	1,142,486	796,547	2,541,336	135,913
December	1,120,213	1,104,042	3,833,345	138,832
<u>1948 -</u>				
January	1,269,393	752,509	3,011,477	175,780
February	1,257,388	864,177	3,248,518	137,796
March	1,093,047	599,259	2,779,556	148,425
April	1,463,655	1,226,320	3,719,757	156,617
May	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618





COMPANIES REGISTERED.

33 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,093,000 and 15 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 24 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £833,500 and 8 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	2 Months ended AUGUST					
	1948			1947		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	6	2,736	146	2	1,663	361
Deeds of Assignment (a)	3	7,814	11,006	1	1,804	1,142
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£)	344,896	330,535	4,598,896	4,045,935
Working Expenses (£)	542,278	420,640	5,570,000	4,423,801
Train Miles Run	581,870	576,101	7,266,209	6,727,963
Passenger Journeys	1,353,282	1,368,840	14,044,299	13,878,518
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	204,791	207,735	2,700,097	2,427,971
Livestock	9,871	11,261	157,476	148,965
Departmental (free freight)	37,543	41,247	545,233	491,781
Total	252,205	260,243	3,402,806	3,068,717
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	30,900,318	29,298,920	396,765,871	347,884,302
Livestock	1,462,456	1,154,715	19,222,313	17,894,148
Departmental (Free freight)	5,925,922	6,270,143	86,007,786	76,516,168
Total	38,288,696	36,723,778	501,995,970	442,294,618





MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
1948 -								
January	74	27	1	49	140	124	5	80
February	112	44	3	72	246	151	6	97
March	173	51	6	92	337	159	9	126
April	202	40	3	67	394	147	9	101
May	150	53	6	60	311	163	13	86
June	213	64	4	54	268	126	4	67
July	189	68	6	62	518	368	13	151

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.) \*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1947 -								
December	21,425	10,075	271	5,321	34,096	33,210	379	8,213
1948 -								
January	21,542	10,134	270	5,373	33,728	32,069	399	8,276
February	21,562	10,159	275	5,437	34,212	33,147	432	8,494
March	21,620	10,080	280	5,430	34,554	33,589	445	8,587
April	21,679	10,051	279	5,457	34,821	33,725	452	8,749
May	21,828	10,106	285	5,467	35,263	34,188	467	8,869
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
July	22,432	10,423	290	5,601	35,025	32,214	500	8,241

\* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for July, 1948 - 124 Cars; 463 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, July, 1948 and 1947, and 12 months ending June, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Overseas	£A,000 1,974	£A,000 1,232	£A,000 17,155	£A,000 10,377	£A,000 5,276	£A,000 2,290	£A,000 49,617	£A,000 23,940
Interstate	2,409	2,586	25,665	21,127	416	678	5,821	5,780
TOTAL	4,383	3,818	42,820	31,504	5,692	2,968	55,438	29,720





BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948										
March Qr.	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
June Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and Other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.  
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials Of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
<u>1948</u>										
March Qr.	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
June Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,499,847 lbs. were produced during July, 1948, and 15,815,951 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1948, as against 1,444,893 lbs. and 13,404,331 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		AUGUST		8 Months ended AUGUST	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
Quantity	Fine Ozs.	55,306	56,416	445,215	416,616
Value (Aust. Currency)	£	599,235	607,175	4,795,749	4,483,834

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 8 months ended AUGUST, 1948 amounted to £450,188. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £530,288.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	AUGUST		8 Months ended AUGUST		JUNE Q.R.		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Metropolitan Area	1262	1120	1221	1092	1238	1151	1204	1138
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1398	1249	1362	1223	1342	1253	1310	1237
Northam	1287	1145	1242	1110	1248	1160	1213	1145
Bunbury	1271	1128	1228	1093	1249	1163	1216	1149
Geraldton	1296	1154	1251	1118	1300	1209	1265	1197
Collie	1281	1146	1237	1108	1191	1107	1158	1093

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947</u>			
June	103,935	35,542	139,477
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1944	1945	1946	1947(a)	1948(a)	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	137	142	145	162	168	826	870	995	1134	1233
February	138	142	148	164	168	824	868	1016	1138	1249
March	139	144	151	166	170	825	877	1045	1145	1264
April	139	144	153	167	171	827	876	1051	1144	1264
May	140	144	154	168	174	832	891	1069	1151	1277
June	139	145	154	167	173	829	903	1087	1153	1277
July	140	146	157	167(a)	174	832	899	1096	1168	1301
August	140	145	159	167		832	897	1109	1181	
Sept.	140	143	160	169		834	914	1114	1172	
October	140	141	161	169		837	929	1118	1184	
November	141	141	158	167		851	965	1133	1215	
December	142	145	163	168		886	1012	1165	1267	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.





UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
Aug. (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sep. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509
Oct. (a)	179	6	185	233	5	238	440	16	456
Nov. (a)	175	12	187	249	10	259	366	18	384
Dec. (a)	185	7	192	132	10	142	419	15	434
<u>1948 -</u>									
Jan. (a)	335	4	339	392	9	401	362	10	372
Feb. (a)	130	5	135	183	8	191	309	7	316
March (a)	112	3	115	132	2	134	289	8	297
April (a)	93	4	97	143	2	145	239	10	249
May (a)	127	3	130	115	6	121	251	7	258
June (a)	117	7	124	162	8	170	206	6	212

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,882	19,205	40,298	39,335
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	17,292	17,083	34,147	34,137

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
August, 1948	13,562	575	50,699	10,425
August, 1947	12,207	583	71,160	9,137
8 Months ended August, 1948	76,703	2,694	395,229	75,179
8 Months ended August, 1947	73,627	2,936	482,285	79,743

# STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE, January 10, 1907.

REPORT OF THE	COMMISSIONER OF	THE LAND OFFICE	IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 10, 1907.
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